

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 12, 2004

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1434**

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**Introduced by Senator Ackerman**  
**(Coauthors: Senators Battin and Margett)**  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Benoit and Haynes)*

February 19, 2004

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An act to amend Section 4186 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to rabbits.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1434, as amended, Ackerman. Rabbits: taking of rabbits that damage crops.

Existing law authorizes the owner or tenant of land, or any person authorized in writing by that owner or tenant, to take cottontail or brush rabbits during any time of the year when damage to crops or forage is experienced on that land. Existing law requires any person other than the owner or tenant to possess written authority from the owner or tenant of land from which those rabbits are taken. Existing law prohibits the sale of any rabbits taken pursuant to those provisions.

This bill would ~~make technical nonsubstantive changes to those provisions~~ also authorize the owner or tenant of land, or any person authorized by that owner or tenant, to take cottontail or brush rabbits if damage to landscaping is being experienced on that land.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1.   Section 4186 of the Fish and Game Code is  
2   amended to read:  
3     4186.   Nothing in this code prohibits the owner or tenant of  
4   land, or any person authorized in writing by that owner or tenant,  
5   from taking cottontail or brush rabbits during any time of the year  
6   that damage to crops, *landscaping*, or forage is being experienced  
7   on that land. Any person other than the owner or tenant of the land  
8   shall possess written authority from the owner or tenant of the land  
9   where the rabbits were taken when transporting rabbits from that  
10  property. Rabbits taken pursuant to this code may not be sold.

